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Now for a Canal. The isthmian canal commission recommends the construction of the waterway between the oceans along the route of the Nicaragua canal, now partly constructed. It reaches this conclusion, according to the report transmitted to Congress today, after of the Nicaragua and Panama routes, as to tenance, length of time required for passage and net time relation to the transisthmian commerce. The Panama route is shorter, but the other is so much closer to the average ports of both exportation and importation that it will prove a time-saver for the great bulk of the traffic. The Panema canal can be operated as a sea-level waterway, but this has its disadvantages In view of the heavy tides, which are not always of equal force on the two sides of the isthmus, while the Nicaragua route is entirely feasible on the lock basis with Lake Nicaragua as a reliable reservoir. One of the paramount considerations in favor of the Nicaragua route is that the climate along that line is more salubrious than that in the vicinity of Panama.

At the same time the report of the commission reached Congress the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty was laid before the Senpresumably be for the Senate to act with least possible delay on the treaty, to afford the requisite basis in international agreement for the construction of the canal by this government without embarrassing conditions. Meanwhile, however, there is reason for pressing forward with the preparation of a bill embodying the results of the commission's inquiries and providing the legislative basis for the enterprise. This whole matter has been so thoroughly discussed in the past, from every point of view, that it would be worse than folly for Congress to temporize further in the premfses. The people demand the canal, the government is pledged to its construction, experts has reported finally in favor of the ple at large. There are no obstacles in the way of accomplishment, save those which may be erected through the selfish intervention of railroad companies, or perhaps in the interest of the Panama Canal Company. Those obstacles should not delay the consummation of the project. The treaty should be ratified, the bill enacted and the actual work started before half a year has

### The Moody Resolution.

The resolution of Mr. Moody of Massachusetts respecting the representation of Louisiana in the lower house of Congress order of things? Why not leave the south

est and importance. Louisiana votes in osition is that she does exercise such power, and that in obedience to the Con-

in Alabama for the ratification of a new

why not obey the plain letter of astitution of the United States? If

Republicans who do not care for reciprocity are republicans who do not care for the republicanism of McKinley, Blaine, Dingley and Roosevelt.

Now that the President has spoken will Minister Wu be good?

The Union Station Project. tween Senator McMillan, President Cassatt union station. The plan appeared to impress Mr. Cassatt favorably, and Chief Engineer Brown, who was present, raised no It appears that the forthcoming bill to re-

without congestion. Perhaps new lines of approach may be opened, covering the uses, the Lodge bill follows the lines of the space now occupied by the B. and O. tracks

spirit and enterprise of the Pennsylvania railroad and a credit to the capital city. While the actual plans for the construcion and site are under way the people of

Washington cannot but be interested in the manner in which the new scheme will be financed. Remembering last winter's experience, when the B. and O. was granted a bonus of \$1,500,000 for doing what it should have done for nothing, it is not a radical assumption that some money proposition may eventually accompany the present readjustment. That B. and O. bonus, it will be recollected, was primarily-though perhaps not avowedly-based upon the fact that there was in the way of the B. and O. improvement no extensive area of public lands to be absorbed such as the Pennsylvania on the other side of the city had secured and was in the way of enlarging. Now the Pennsylvania, according to the union station project, will relinquish those lands, to which it never had title and the use of which it enjoyed free for many years. Will it ask for compensation from the United States for thus yielding possession, which was formally confirmed in last winter's legislation, and restoring the lands to their original purpose and rightful ownership? How will that affect the proposition that the B. and O. was given its bonus because it could not get just such lands? Will not the relinquishment of the mail area and other public spaces destroy the reason for the \$1,500,000 grant? The use of the mall was confirmed to the Pennsylvania road on condition that it erect thereon a station to cost \$1,500,000 and that it go to great expense in hiding its tracks and adorning its overhead approaches to that station. This consideration has failed. The road will not be put to this expense.

A fair business proposition from the view point of the taxpayer and the government would be that the restoration of these park lands is merely an act of deferred justice and that the Pennsylvania railroad, now owner of the B. and O., stands to benefit materially by the erection of a union station in place of two depots, and that therefore the whole account should be restated on equitable grounds, without taking it for granted that there will be any money indemnity whatever. The corporation will secure the practically exclusive use of one of the arterial avenues of the city and a frontage upon another; it will have doubtless other privileges in the course of time and it will reap the profit of a consolidation of the terminals. There is more reason than ever today to expect the railroad to pay for its own betterments, from which it will secure large pecuniary returns.

Of course, if money compensation is made to the railroad for relinquishment of public tion will come in equity solely from the United States, to which the entire consideration passes. In view of the fact that Congress has by unjust and unwise streetextension legislation already bankrupted the capital's treasury, this reasonable exemption of the District from contributing to such compensation will remove a possible obstacle and cause of delay from the path of this great improvement

### The Croker-Bryan Combine.

That is a bit of interesting news from New York which represents Richard Croker and William J. Bryan in league to defeat the presidential ambition of David B. Hill. As the story goes, Mr. Croker is to make play for control of the New York delegation to the next democratic national convention, while Mr. Bryan is to exert his influence against Mr. Hill throughout the south and the west. They will then join forces, and together strike at the man whom neither likes.

This sort of game will do for a man of is met by the objection that it raises the Mr. Croker's caliber, but what about a question of sectionalism. That is depre- man of Mr. Bryan's caliber? Mr. Croker's to do something for you." cated. The country, it is urged, is now dislike of Mr. Hill is entirely personal. the civil war. Why disturb so hopeful an The one is an unintellectual man, of marked

In Mr. Bryan's case the objection must be political. Mr. Hill has never looked Mr. Hill lacks Mr. Bryan's gift of oratory, and Mr. Bryan lacks Mr. Hill's judgment and capacity for organization. But both are intellectual men, and have many things in common. They would pull well together once agreed upon a policy. They differ, however, widely as to what democracy means, and thereby hangs the tale. Mr. Hill thought a new platform would help Mr. Bryan last year, and advised him to permit the Kansas City convention to adopt one. Mr. Bryan thought differently, held on to the Chicago platform, and got a second drubbing at the polls. Hence Mr. Bryan's present attitude. He is still unconverted on the subject of silver, and so is Mr. Hill. But the question arises, can Mr. Bryan injure Mr. Hill by an opposition based upon declare, out of the running for 1904, what is the reason? It is because his platform is no longer accepted by the democratic party, and a new one is considered necesrejection of the old platform before it had carried the party a second time to defeat? Is the prophet to be punished by his party Bryan, after losing his leadership, impose his revenges on his party? Political business is not as a rule transacted in that

If it were customary for the President of the United States to criticise as freely at

The Filipinos of Massachusetts find confirmation of their gravest fears in the fact that the original copy of the declaration of independence is so faded that it is illegible.

Mr. Bryan will of course offer a few re marks on the message, in spite of the fact that it is a great deal for a man who is busy farming and editing to read.

The Boers evidently expect to keep the war up long enough to get acquainted with all the important generals on the English

The successors to the eminent wits and orators who have disappeared from Congress in recent years are eagerly awaited.

The exploitation of the picturesque features of Congress suffers somewhat by the rivalry of the Bonine trial.

## The Philippine Tariff.

Senator Lodge's bill to provide revenues for the Philippine Islands, Introduced today, proposes for that group what the Forwhich the validity of the fiscal transactions relating to the islands cannot be successfully questioned in court. It ratifies the tariff decrees of the commission as far as they affect goods imported into the Islands. and it levies a full tariff upon all goods imported from the Philippines into the United States. In another respect, that of providing that all the tariff collections in the Philippines shall be devoted to insular and station. A terminal developed on such some such measure is desirable to clear a scale would be a monument to the public away all doubts as to the fiscal status of name.

Maryland refuses to let women practice in her courts, and she should change her name. Foraker law. The prompt enactment of

the islands, even though there may be a belief in the efficacy of the action taken under the Spooner amendment to cover the case of importations into the islands. No loophole should be left for any possible future litigation, and in respect to the du-ties upon importations into the United States from the Philippines immediate action is imperative.

A large number of people have come to feel that nothing extraordinary is occurring in the southern republics, so long as the fighting continues. A peace proclamation might cause a ripple of excitement.

Steamship companies may feel an especial need of subsidy to compensate them for the loss of revenue which is threatened by a curtailment of the importation of an-

Mr. Quay and Governor Stone are both such great believers in organization that a certain show of strength on both sides ought to make reconciliation entirely pos-

A graceful compliment to the populace on coronation day in London would be to let the photographic enthusiasts fire away without expostulation.

Some people would rather express a conclusive opinion off-hand as to whether a message is good or bad than to go to the trouble of reading it.

Possibly if Miss Stone remains long enough with the brigands, she will convert them and make them ashamed to ask for a

President Roosevelt's message shows the determination to work with a will that has always been characteristic of him.

There are enough floral decorations and conversation in the halls of Congress to equip a first-class pink tea. There is a great deal of hope and enthusiam now. But it will probably be the

The man behind the bill will now go the Capitol and show his bravery.

same old Congress.

### SHOOTING STARS.

Satisfied.

"My friend," said the very severe person, treasure the precious moments. Think, with the deep awe which the subject deserves to command, upon the fact that time is swiftly fleeting and stays for no man." "That's all right," answered the cheery citizen; "I want it to fleet. If time were stationary I'd be out of work. You see, I'm

To the Astronomers. Still survey the heavens For all that you are worth: We may have to hunt a planet

The Other View. "It seems to me," said the lady with a severe glance, "that the newspapers print some dreadful things."

When the trusts own all the earth.

"Yes," answered the reporter; "it often makes me sad to think that people insist on doing shocking things and compelling us to write about them.'

### His Favorite Doctrine. "Do you believe in reciprocity?"

"I do," answered Senator Sorghum. "I have always been a strict advocate of reciprocity. I have suffered a great deal of harsh criticism because of my belief in that line, but nothing can shake my belief that there is no use in doing something for another person unless he is able and willing

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, "I'm willin' to work fur me dinner."

"Yes'm. Dat dog o' yours has nipped me two or three times a season reg'lar fur the 'ble, somet'ing dat'll harrow his feelin's; somet'ing dat would humiliate me furever if I was him. Lady, if you'll gimme a bar o' soap an' a pan o' water, I'll wash de

## Responsibilities.

Glad I ain't in Congress-'Druther shovel coal. All dem, men has got to do Would sholy fret my soul. Gotter show de people All correct an' plain, How to git de money in

An' de laborin' man: Gotter dig de big canal As speedy as dey can. Intellecks, though weary, Mus' be on de go-Glad I ain't in Congress, Druther shovel snow

An' give it out again.

## The Fight on Fake Butter,

From the Philadelphia Record. Mr. Grout will not be in Congress to ress his oleomargarine bill this year; but on oleomargarine colored in imitation f the dairy interests. As a tax of 10 cents protective, and as revenue is not needed is possible that the provision in the rout bill taxing uncolored oleo one-quarter of a cent per pound may not be insisted

## Permanent Census Bureau.

the Springfield Republican. There is an excellent prospect that Con-There is an excellent prospect that Congress at the coming session will establish a permanent census bureau. This is a change long needed, and would end the business of conducting our decennial enumerations by a bureau hastily organized out of new material from top to bottom and largely at the dictation of spoils congressmen. Into a permanent bureau would undoubtedly go the merit system. indoubtedly go the merit system.

Hill Silent.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean. There are no signs that David B. Hill has as yet been impressed by the advan-tages which the present political situation has to offer him.

It is becoming more and more the custom to trust in the sagacity of young men. We are now living under the administration of the youngest President in our history, and upon the higher lines of politics, educational responsibilities and business we find men on the sunny side of middle life

## coming to the front

Irish Good Nature. From the Chicago Post. Ireland continues to hold the European record for low percentage of crimes. The Irish laugh and the Irish joke are great safety valves for impulses which are often dangerous when repressed.

the New York Herald. Every cold snap by forming ice ponds in the vicinity of street hydrants shows how badly they are leaking. Such defects should be promptly looked after, as they are a source of much needless waste of water.

## Moderation

After all, it must be confessed that those Alabama "ratificationists" in fixing their majority at less than 30,000 showed a good deal of moderation.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald.

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